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SUBJECT: CALL BY PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY

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1. APRIL 29 AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA MADE INITIAL CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN. IGOR VELASQUEZ, NEW DCM, AND BARNEBEY AND FULLER, ARA/AND,SAT IN.
2. AMBASSADOR SPOKE BRIEFLY OF THE APPRECIATIVE RECEPTION GIVEN IN PERU TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADDRESS TO THE OAS. HE REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER TO DELIVER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM MORALES BERMUDEZ TO INVITE HIM TO VISIT PERU; HE WAS TOLD THAT APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BEING SOUGHT FOR AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT LETTER.
3. TURNING TO FMS, AMBASSADOR RAISED NOW THRICE-REJECTED
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FMS CASE INVOLVING TESTING EQUIPMENT FROM LITTON INDUSTRIES FOR AIRCRAFT AND URGED RECONSIDERATION. TODMAN POINTED OUT THAT EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND MADE NO COMMITMENT TO REVIEW. AMBASSADOR WENT ON TO ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION OF REDUCTION OF LEVEL OF FMS FOR FY 1977 FROM \$20 MILLION TO \$10 MILLION (REFTEL), POINTING OUT THAT

IT WAS NOT SO MUCH THE QUANTITATIVE REDUCTION THAT DISTURBED THE GOP AS THE SYMBOLIC VALUE. TODMAN SPOKE GENERALLY OF TREND NOW TOWARD REDUCTION OF FMS AND DESIRE OF US TO COOPERATE MORE IN DEVELOPMENT AREA RATHER THAN MILITARY. HE IMPLIED THAT RESTORATION OF FMS LEVEL FOR PERU WOULD BE QUESTIONED IN CONGRESS AND AFFIRMED THAT US WISHED TO AVOID DOING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO "ARMAMENTISMO". REMINDED AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT HAD SPOKEN FIRMLY ON QUESTION OF LEVEL OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS AND ASSERTED THAT US ACTIONS SHOULD COMPLY WITH US STATEMENTS.

4. GARCIA BEDOYA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TALKS WITH CUBANS FROM WHICH TODMAN HAD JUST RETURNED. LATTER REPORTED THAT GOOD, FRANK, REALISTIC EXCHANGE HAD BEEN HELD. US AND CUBA WERE STARTING WITH MATTERS OF DIRECT COMMON INTEREST. ADDED THAT "A JOURNEY OF A MILE STARTS WITH ONE STEP".

5. TODMAN RAISED GULF CASE WITH AMBASSADOR, WHO UNDER IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS CLOSE TO FINAL RESOLUTION. SPECULATED THAT RESOLUTION MIGHT HAVE BEEN DELAYED BY PREOCCUPATION OF GOVERNMENT WITH NEGOTIATION OVER IMF STANDBY AND DRASTIC DEMANDS PUT BY IMF TO GOP. GARCIA BEDOYA MENTIONED SOCIAL/POLITICAL COSTS OF GOP ACCEPTANCE OF IMF PRESCRIPTIONS. TODMAN SPOKE OF IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY GOP OF WHAT IMF ASKING, PARTICULARLY RE REDUCTION IN IMPORTS. REFERRED TO FACT THAT COMMERCIAL BANKS WERE WAITING ON OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS

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PRIOR TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF NEEDED BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS LOAN TO PERU.

6. TODMAN RECALLED RECENT VISIT OF GENERAL BARANDARIAN IN CONTEXT OF REFERENCE TO ANDEAN PACT IN CARTER'S SPEECH TO OAS. GARCIA BEDOYA ALLUDED TO HIS PREVIOUS IMPRESSION THAT US NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING PACT. TODMAN ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. THEN, DIRECTING ATTENTION TO RECENTLY EASED PACT RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT, SAID THAT INVESTMENT WAS IMPORTANT TO PACT COUNTRIES NOT ONLY IN RESPECT TO TRANSFER OF RESOURCES BUT TO TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AS WELL. US WAS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING SUCH TRANSFERS THROUGH FOREIGN INVESTMENT E.G., IN UPCOMING OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION.

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